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PRELIMINARY PRICES FOR CROPS DOWN; ALL LIVESTOCK PRICES UP

SIOUX FALLS, March 30, 2010 -- Preliminary March prices were down from February for crops, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for all livestock were up.

For March, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$4.24, was down 20 cents from last month and down \$1.28 from last March. The spring wheat price, at \$5.25, was 19 cents lower than last month and \$1.41 lower than last year. The March soybean price, at \$8.90, was 32 cents lower than last month but unchanged from last year. The corn price, at \$3.15, was up 3 cents from last month but down 41 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$14.40, was down 20 cents from last month and down \$5.50 from last year.

The preliminary March barrow and gilt price, at \$55.30, was up \$4.60 from last month and up \$10.40 from last year, while sows, at \$47.20, were up \$1.50 from February and up \$7.80 from March 2009.

The preliminary March steer and heifer price, at \$97.30, was up \$1.30 from February and up \$5.10 from March of last year. Calves, at \$120.00, were up \$3.00 from last month and up \$13.00 from March 2009.

The March alfalfa price, at \$89.00 per ton, was unchanged from last month but up \$8.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$75.00, was down \$3.00 from last month but up \$9.00 from March 2009.

Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	March 2009 ¹	February 2010 ¹	March 2010 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	3.56	3.12	3.15
Soybeans	Bu.	8.90	9.22	8.90
Sunflower	Cwt.	19.90	14.60	14.40
Wheat, All	Bu.	5.85	4.99	4.80
Winter	Bu.	5.52	4.44	4.24
Other Spring	Bu.	6.66	5.44	5.25
Barley, All	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	1.99	2.11	2.05
Hay, All	Ton	79.00	87.00	87.00
Alfalfa	Ton	81.00	89.00	89.00
Other	Ton	66.00	78.00	75.00
Cattle, All Beef ³	Cwt.	87.50	94.70	95.20
Cows	Cwt.	45.00	54.10	55.90
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	92.20	96.00	97.30
Calves ⁴	Cwt.	107.00	117.00	120.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	44.40	50.20	54.50
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.90	50.70	55.30
Sows	Cwt.	39.40	45.70	47.20
Lambs	Cwt.	111.00	129.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	21.90	56.90	NA

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month. ³ Over 500 lbs. ⁴ Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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